

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of July 14, 2004 and Advisory Action of November 8, 2004.

Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action

Claims 8 – 12 remain in this application. Claims 1 – 7 and 13 – 26 have been canceled.

Comments

The applicants greatly appreciate the time and courtesy extended by Examiner Joseph R. Pokrzywa in attending telephone conferences on December 2, 2004 and on December 13, 2004. In these conferences Examiner Pokrzywa indicated that in view of at least the amendments as indicated above, independent claim 8 and claims 9 – 12 which depend therefrom were shown to distinguish over the cited reference, namely Robertson, U.S. Patent No. 6,507,410 B1, and are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 8 – 12) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark S. Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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